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For a Radical Pacifism

Op-ed in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (1/6) states: "In a framework like this, the only way to resist war is to support a radical pacifism without taking any prior sides.... That does not mean there is a balance of forces. It is clear Israel has superior state apparatus and military force. A military action by Israel is certainly more destructive than one perpetrated by Hamas. But in a state of war the worst illusion is to believe peace can only be pursued after a balance of forces has been achieved. And this is the most powerful ingredient for the continuation of the war itself."

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